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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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CONFIDENCE UNSHAKEN

Tongues by the Spirit is the Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE BEAUTIFUL LIGHT IS STILL SHINING.

Ever since the days of the apostles there have been people who have arrayed themselves against the Lord and His truth. Every generation has had its army of opposers. They have fought the Bible with untiring fury. They have declared it fictitious and a fraud. They have tried to pick it to pieces and stamp it into oblivion.

But all their efforts have been fruitless, unless it has stimulated its lovers to more diligence in its preservation and the maintenance of its teachings and principles. And while the bodies of these enemies to the truth lie mouldering in the earth the blessed Bible still lives on. It has a more extensive circulation now than ever before. Its pages are looked upon with holy reverence by the millions of earth.

The opposition now may not be so strong against the Bible as a whole as it was a few years ago, but since the enemy of all good cannot prevent the free circulation of the printed form, he has arrayed himself against many of the principle themes it contains and is trying to put them down. He is waging a war against divine healing, against real Bible sanctification and holiness, but his principle opposition is against the other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

But while men and devils are joining their forces to put down this particular theme, our confidence is unshaken. Let "the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing," we still remain firm and unmoved. We know what God has done for us, and we know our Bibles, too. We can read as well as our opposers. Although we are accused of being unlearned and ignorant men, we do not mind it. They accused the apostles of the same. But if the truth was known we may have tread the school room as much as some who are so bitter against us.

But we do not depend altogether upon erudition; our dependence is in Him whom Jesus promised would guide us into all truth. Many highly educated men have made ship-wreck of religion and failed in business, "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." God with us, is the secret of our success. And while He is with us our confidence is unshaken. We have no fears in time of oppositions. People only beat the air that oppose us on any line, because we have the truth that will stand the most severe and criti-

cal tests.

When the great king Nebuchadnezzar was giving orders for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to bow down and worship the golden image he had set up, under penalty of going into the fiery furnace if they refused, they stood up boldly and said, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter." So when people rise up against us we are not afraid of them. Their theories, their erudition, their eloquence, their oppositions do not frighten us. We are ever on our job and ready for the assault no matter from what source it comes.

Here comes Mr. Wheatlake again with what he considers an unanswerable argument. This time he makes a funny attack against the tongues as evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He has a bigger job on his hands than he anticipated I am sure. He reminds me of the story of the little dog barking at the moon trying to keep it from shining. In spite of all of his barks and barks the moon still shined on and laughingly sent forth its silvery rays right into the very eyes of its little antagonist. So it is with Mr. W. in spite of all his barks and barks trying to prove that the tongues are unscriptural, people are rushing right on past his barks and plunging into the beautiful fountain of cleansing, receiving the Holy Ghost and always talking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance as the evidence, for tongues by the Spirit is the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and no one ever receives this blessed baptism without the tongues.

I now quote from Mr. Wheatlake on this particular point. It will be remembered that we are using these attacks by Mr. W. as a means to give special instructions rather than to merely debate with him. We consider this a means to better vindicate the truth. I give his argument in his own words:

"Again, they are in error in that they teach that all who receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost receive the gift of tongues at the same time as a sign of having received the baptism. In other words, if there is no gift of tongues there is no baptism. This is all out of keeping with the Word of God in that the baptism is for all, or 'who-soever will,' and the gift of tongues is only for a few, or as Paul said, 'according to His (God's) will,' who 'divideth to every man severally as He will.' These words can not be con-

strued to mean that the gift of tongues is, like the baptism, for all. Paul said again, 'There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.' If all are to have the gift of tongues in the same sense that all are to receive the baptism, where would be the difference or the diversity of gifts? Just as there is a difference between the offices of the members of the body in that the hand does not render the same service the foot does, so there is just as much difference in the distribution of the various gifts. So Paul said, 'Are all apostles? are all prophets? . . . do all speak with tongues?' The only sensible answer is, No, not any more so than all are apostles or prophets. The unavoidable conclusion is that if the baptism is for all, then all cannot receive the gifts of tongues as an evidence of having received it. But they will tell you that the gift of tongues will not continue in all cases after the reception of the baptism. It would seem reasonable that if the gift of tongues is necessary as an evidence that the baptism has been received it would be equally important that the gift of tongues remain as an evidence of continuation of the baptism."

In the above flight of words meant for an argument against the tongues as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost there is plainly seen a display of ignorance or wilful deception. It is surely an illustration of the man that is engaged in the very thing that Paul said he did not do. Paul said, "So fight I, not as one that beateth the air, . . . nor handling the word of God deceitfully, . . . For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God." The argument is no argument. He does not touch the subject. He is either ignorant of our teaching or the Bible one, or else a deceiver. He is beating the air, for he does not touch us.

We do not claim that the gift of tongues is evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You had better come up, brother Wheatlake, and take a few lessons under our instructors. They will do you good. At least you can have a chance to learn how to keep from exhausting yourself in beating the air. In reference to the gift of tongues, I agree with you, sir, that this gift may not be given to every individual that has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We never have claimed such a doctrine. If you want to write against us I advise that you inform yourself a little before you commence. It would save you some embarrassment, and I think you could spend your time to better advantage in some other manner. If you only had the Holy Ghost one hour I am sure you would feel a sense of shame creeping over you for making such a display of

your ignorance. But you are not alone. Many who have fought us like tigers have afterwards repented, obtained forgiveness and received the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance as the evidence.

After all the battles we have passed through in the last ten years our confidence is still unshaken. We still affirm that every one that receives the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and without the tongues no one is baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Now Mr. Wheatlake, if you will be quiet a few moments I'll tell you something. You will remember that just before Jesus was arrested over there in the garden of Gethsemane, He gave the disciples some special instructions concerning the bread and wine, feet washing and His departure. He told them of the Holy Ghost that He would send that would be more to them than He Himself could be. Among other things He told them plainly how they would know when this Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, came. This information was given so clear that if you will read it carefully it will save you from making such blind assertions as appears in your article. Now read with me. Come, my brother, get right close to me, and let us read together. Here it is--the beautiful words of Jesus: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall TESTIFY of me." (John 15:26.) Who is to testify? The Holy Spirit, of course. How does any one testify? They talk, do they not? Did you, Mr. Wheatlake, ever testify on the witness stand in the court room? In testifying you told in plain words what you knew of the case, did you not? Then you talked, didn't you? That is the very thing Jesus said the Holy Ghost would do when He came. He would testify of Jesus. Jesus also told the disciples that the Holy Ghost "shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." (John 16:13.)

This is exactly what took place on the day of Pentecost when the 120 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost spoke. The Holy Ghost testified. He did just what Jesus said He would do. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE." (Acts 2:4.) Here they were all baptized with the Holy Ghost. Here they all spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, just like Jesus said He would do when He came. When He comes "He shall testify."

This is not the gift of tongues;

this is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In this case all were baptized with the Holy Ghost and all spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. In bestowing the gifts of the Spirit they are divided out to different individuals "severally as he will." (1 Cor. 12:11.) I agree with Mr. Wheatlake, that not every one will receive the gift of tongues, but I wish to state positively and emphatically that every one that is baptized with the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

By this time any one can see that Mr. W. is only "beating the air" in his argument that we will not all receive the gift of tongues as the evidence of the baptism, and that the twelfth and fourteenth chapters of First Corinthians only apply to the gift of tongues and not to the tongues as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is the gift of tongues that Paul is regulating and not the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38.) evidenced by speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

If this is not enough, a close study of Acts 10, and Acts 19, will assist in our proof. In both these instances they received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues, but in neither instance is it mentioned that they had the gift of tongues. But they received the Holy Ghost, "For they heard them speak with tongues." Acts 10:46.

Come Brother Wheatlake, the beautiful light is still shining, and you will have to come with something more than you have or your cause is lost.

To be continued.

Hayesville, N. C.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise to my dear Redeemer for saving and sanctifying me and letting me become a member of the Church of God.

I want all the saints to pray for me to be filled with the Holy Ghost for I want to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Two nights before I was saved I dreamed the Lord had come and was judging the people. I saw mama and others sitting close by the Savior praising Him and I started to Him but He told me I couldn't come that Roy, my brother, and myself were not ready. I became scared; and I looked around and I saw I was standing on the brink of hell. Oh, how dark it was below. I then woke up and cried and prayed until day light.

I am a little girl ten years old and I want the Holy Ghost.

Your sister under the blood,
Ottie Melton.

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EDITORIAL.

A. A. Carpenter has pitched his tent in Atlanta Ga. for a meeting and asks prayer for success.

God is again visiting us in this city with another shower of blessings. Six or eight have received the Holy Ghost recently.

We very much appreciate the untiring efforts of our friends who are working for the Evangel. Many are lending their assistance in increasing the circulation, but we need many more yet to take part in this work. My dear friends, let us work hard to run the list up to the ten thousand mark.

We will gladly furnish our friends with rolls of the paper to hand out to encourage the people to subscribe. You only have to send us a card each week telling us where to send them. If you want a bundle, your card ought to reach us by Tuesday or Wednesday to insure you getting them the same week.

There is a good interest shown in the Sunday School work generally but this interest should be increased, and our people should become much more enthused in the spread of the gospel in this way. You can reach people with the message through the children that may never be touched any other way. There are yet several churches that do not have Sunday Schools. This ought not to be. Every church ought to have a flourishing Sunday School. If you do not have one, start one.

Bunker's Hill, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am glad I am still filled with the Holy Ghost and on fire for God. I feel the glory rolling in my soul at this very moment.

I feel more like pressing on to higher heights and deeper depths than ever before. I feel so little in the sight of the Lord; He has done so much for me. He gave me the Holy Ghost, He healed me of so many different diseases and He is my Guide at

all times. I want to do something else Him for I want Him to get glory out of my life.

Pray for me that I may stay humble at the foot of the cross in the center of God's will.

Mrs. Jane Roper.

The War Draft.

Our men that come within the age limit of the conscript law should be sure to register on June 5, according to the law, and enter a plea for exemption on the grounds that the church of which they are members objects to its members going to war.

All should remember that the Church of God stands for peace and against war, and we cannot take up arms and go on the battle field and fight. If our men are selected in the draft, and they find no exemption, then they should plead for a place in the hospitals, relief corps, as chaplains or anything else besides taking a gun and going on the battle field to fight.

If men will fight and get wounded, of course it is our duty as Christians to render assistance to the wounded and dying, but we cannot kill.

We must obey the laws of our country so long as they do not conflict with the laws of God and His Christ, but when the laws of our country are made to oppose the laws of the Bible we have to obey God and submit to the penalty.

Read Rom. 13:1-7, Acts 4:18-20, Acts 5:28, 29, Dan. 3:15-18, Dan. 6:10-13.

We must pray earnestly and expect God to manage some plan to keep us out of the war and off the battlefield unless it is to assist the wounded and dying. I believe God will help us as we go on with our special line of work which is the spread of the glorious gospel of our Savior.

White Bluff, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Grace unto you and peace be multiplied.

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost.

Each day, I have a greater desire to be more like Jesus. I want to go on unto perfection. The way of holiness grows sweeter to me every day. I know it is the Bible way and will stand the test of Scripture.

I once was a fighter against the dear Church of God, but I found it was hard for me "to kick against the pricks." I am so glad to be a member now, and I love her because she was purchased by the Savior's blood.

I am so glad because Jesus is my great Physician, He healed me of pneumonia when I was so low I could not raise myself in bed. I just went by the prescription given in James 5:14 and the Lord made me whole.

According to the Word, we are living in the last days and perilous times are coming. I am looking for Jesus to come back some day and I want to be ready when He comes or calls. He is coming after a pure and holy people. Praise God!

Pray that I may stay in the

center of God's will.

Your little unworthy sister, Winneva Wakeman.

Bell Mills, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am glad to say I have the victory through the blood of Jesus.

We had meeting at brother J. W. Harris' last Sunday night and the Lord sure did bless. The altar was full of seekers; one was saved and sanctified.

I am glad to say the Holy Ghost still abides because He speaks for Himself. Bless the Lord!

Please pray for us at Crumley's chapel that we may stay humble at the foot of the cross.

Your brother in Christ, O. Z. Brown.

A Request.

Mrs. R. C. Langley of McColl S.C. is a back-slender and is sick in body. She has heart trouble and Bright's disease and suffers intensely.

She wants to get back to the Lord and wants her body healed, so she is calling on us to pray for her.

Lets do our best in calling upon God in her behalf.

Logmont, Ky.

A. J. Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I want to ask every one of you to pray for the meeting up here in the mountains. There are only a few saints here but we are trying to get souls saved.

Brother Cagle is here and we are looking for brother Burk and brother T. J. Byerly and wife.

I am still shouting the victory and doing all I can against the devil.

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Brother Tomlinson and all the Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' name. I praise God for saving my soul, sanctifying me and giving me the Holy Ghost just like it was on the day of pentecost.

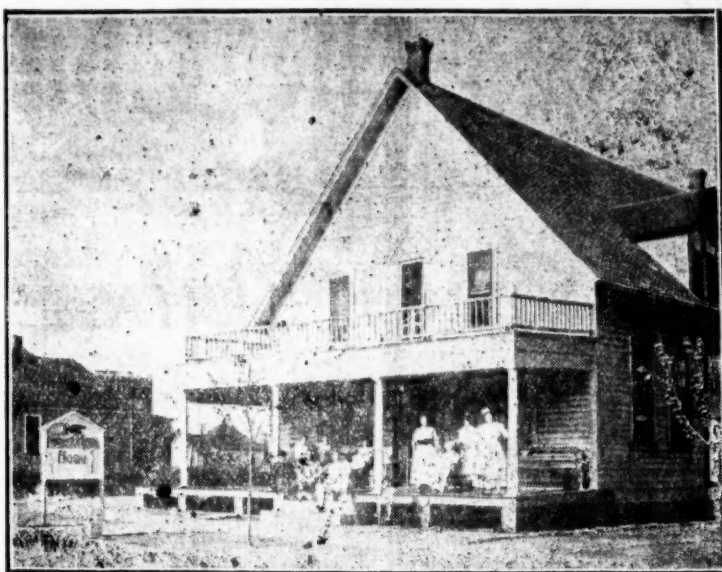
I praise the Lord for sending Brother Brouayer and wife here to hold us a meeting He certainly did bless and give us the victory.

The church was set in order with eleven members here at Clutters school house, and I praise the Lord because I was worthy to become a member of the blessed old Church of God.

I praise the Lord because He so wonderfully healed me. I had indigestion till I could hardly eat any thing, but now, praise the Lord, I can eat any thing I want.

Pray for our little church that we may stand true till Jesus comes. Glory to Jesus!

W. V. Henry.

**PENTECOSTAL RESCUE HOME OF SAPULPA, OKLA.**

The only one in Creek county Okla. Located at present at 15 N. Elm street is what is known as the Pentecostal Rescue Home, for the female outcasts, fallen and homeless adults. Bro. R. L. Cotnam, manager; Mrs. R. L. Cotnam, matron, and Miss Blanche Darner, secretary and treasurer, who also is nurse, having received her training at Omaha, Neb., are the officers in charge.

The home is supported by free-will contribution and we are glad to report that our people have contributed freely in its behalf also surrounding cities and towns have not forgotten to answer freely to our solicitor.

The manager has an option on a small plot of ground, 100x150 ft. with a seven room house on it that can be bought at a reasonable figure, which if purchased will be enlarged by the addition of four rooms which will then be large enough to accommodate at least fourteen persons.

There is in the office of this home a ledger kept with every donor and the amount that was donated. It is real interesting to look over its pages and read its contents. This ledger is open for inspection to any one who desires to examine it.

The officers of this home came to our city well recommended and are under bond by a surety company in addition, so no one should be uneasy about the money contributed to its support going astray. These officers are not in this good work for the money they receive for their services as they only receive \$8.

33 each per month for service rendered. They have sacrificed good positions and salaries to help the fallen and outcasts as there is so much of this work to do and so few to do it. There at present 6 inmates in the Home, one woman having died a short time ago with tuberculosis. She was saved sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost shortly after coming to the Home and went to glory rejoicing.

Another girl has been given a home in the city after giving birth to twins in the Home, others have come and gone. At present there are applications from five young women who say they are tired of the old life of sin and asked assistance in leading a better life and help to the way that Jesus trod. These women ask for a different life of their own accord but on account of insufficient room and means to keep them they were refused for the present. If you would

help those who are not financially able to help themselves and desire to forsake the old life of sin you can do so by taking an interest in this work even if it does seem a small thing to you.

This Home is open to visitors at all times and its officers will take pleasure in showing you through its various apartments. This Home has a chapel in connection. Visitors and preachers are welcome.

At home or away
 In the alley or street,
 Wherever a chance
 In this wide world to meet
 A girl that is thoughtless
 Or a boy that is wild,
 My heart echoes softly,
 It is some mother's child.

And when I see those
 O'er whom long years have
 rolled,
 Whose hearts have grown hard-
 ened,

Whose spirits are cold,
 Be it woman all fallen,
 Or man all defiled,
 A voice whispers sadly:
 It is some mother's child.

No matter how far
 From right she hath strayed,
 No matter what inroad
 Dishonor hath made;
 No matter what elements
 Cankered the peel;
 Though tarnished and sullied,
 She is some mother's girl.

No matter how deep
 She has sunk in sin;
 No matter how much
 She is shunned by her kin;
 No matter how low
 Is her standard of guile
 Though guilty and loathsome
 She is some mother's child.

That head has been pillowed
 On tenderest breast;
 That form hath been wept o'er,
 Those lips have been pressed;
 That soul hath been prayed for
 In tones sweet and mild,
 For her sake deal gently,
 With some mother's child.

R. L. Cotnam,
Overseer of Okla.**Cunningham, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation in my heart. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I have peace and joy in my soul, praise God!

I praise Him for His healing power, glory to His precious name.

Two in my family have received the Holy Ghost and I ask the prayers of the saints for the others of my family that they may receive the blessing.

Your sister in Christ,
Emily Neblett.

We Must Press Forward if We Win in the End

SAM C. PERRY

Our conditions and surroundings of the present day contain many things that have a tendency to discourage and drive us backward. But it has always been so with the people of God, some times to a greater, and sometimes to a lesser degree than now.

Many, doubtless, have looked at surroundings so much that like Peter of old they are about to sink. Their testimonies are not what they used to be, and in different ways they show that they are not enjoying what they once possessed. We cannot imagine how they expect to meet the future. If Jesus comes and finds us failing in our Christian experience, perhaps we may be as the foolish virgins. No doubt their surroundings caused them to fail and get their minds from the things of Christ. But however, or whatever our excuse it will not be accepted in that day. If we fail to have the preparation when Jesus comes, we will miss the glory.

But if there are many things about us to discourage us, are there not many more to encourage us? It certainly seems so to us. If you will just look at God's signs in earth today and His willingness to bless and manifest Himself as in olden times, it seems to us that you should be inspired and encouraged at once to undertake greater things and move up to a better experience in the things of Christ.

The greatest blessings of God to man have been when man has been in the greatest need. Ordinary blessings and grace have been enjoyed when there was nothing out of the ordinary on hand.

And now that we are living in a time when our needs for spirit, soul and body are beyond the ordinary, shall we not expect God to do the extraordinary and supply us and bring us through gloriously? Is He not already doing for us up to the needs of the hour as we trust and obey Him? Most certainly He is.

We have every reason to be encouraged at the prospect just ahead of us. What glory was ever achieved by God's saints when there was no opposition or odds against them? We must not expect to sail to heaven on "flowery beds of ease."

When in contact with the lion, God gave Sampson power to overcome and slay him.

When David met the giant face to face, God enabled him to prevail against him.

In the lion's den, Daniel had protection from the lions. He did not need it any where else.

The Hebrew children had an experience by being put in the fiery furnace that they could not have had if they had never been put into the fire.

We are living in the last days, when God's people are to be put to every test that they were in olden times, with others added, but God has promised, and hun-

dreds have vowed to stand to the end no matter what the cost. Now if we are called upon let us stand to our vows, and if God proves us to know if we will stand true, we will at the same time prove His faithfulness to His children in the times of trial, for He will never leave them nor forsake them.

This is a time, indeed, to be greatly enthused and encouraged, for God is letting us see His words come true right before our eyes.

He is revealing Himself to His children, and making them to know what He is about to do in the world. Indeed they see the very conditions foretold for the last days shaping and forming all around us today. And Jesus said when you see these things come to pass know that His coming is near even at the doors.

May we not, then, in the face of all the conditions around us lift up our heads, take new courage and press toward the great glory which seems so near to be revealed.

FISHERS OF MEN

Ida McCoy.

And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. (St. Luke 5:10.)

Truly, this language of Jesus to Simon Peter can be applied to us today.

We know there are many ways to catch fish, so there are many ways to catch men, as well. In Luke 5:4 we find that Peter was using a net for Jesus said to him "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." By the use of the net he obtained a great multitude of fish; and in the capacity as "a fisher of men" after the day of pentecost he caught a great multitude of people, because he had his net, the Holy Ghost, and he was not afraid to launch out into the deep.

Some stay so close to the shore where the water is shallow and of course they never make a catch. Others do not watch their net close enough and after a while they find there is a hole in it hence their failure. Some use a hook to fish with but they do not use the right bait therefore their work is a failure. It requires different bait for the different varieties of fish.

So it is in catching men, some plans used will draw men to Christ while it does not touch others. But what we want to do is to be given up to the Holy Ghost and let Him use us, and then many will be brought to Him. We must do all we can in every way that can be devised to compel them to come in.

We must ever keep our nets in good repair and we will not have to worry about not getting them full.

In our work on the farm we have to plan just how to do certain things that will be to the

best advantage; so our Father wants us to be wise and come to Him for knowledge and wisdom that we may know how to get hold of the hearts of men.

All cannot preach as did Peter and Paul, neither do all have the same opportunities to work but if we are faithful in doing that which is within our reach, don't you think the Lord will be pleased with us? Isn't it just as burdening for us to do the lesser thing as for others to do the greater things? Indeed it is.

We see the time of the end is at hand and what must be done must be done quickly. Let us ask for knowledge for it takes some quick movements at times and always moved by the great Spirit of love, the Holy Ghost, to accomplish what must be done.

When fishing with a hook just when the fish gets hold of the bait, then is the time to jerk up the line and land the fish.

So it is in service. When the preacher reaches the place where the power of God falls and effects both saints and sinners, then is the time to make the altar call, whether the sermon is complete or not.

God will take care of that. 2 Tim. 2:15 says "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

O bless the Lord, for a knowledge of His precious way; unseen by the world and despised and forsaken by many.

I never have been as close to the Lord in my life as right now, it seems to me. I feel more like going "fishing" and striving to do more than I have ever done before.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Arley, Ala. R. 1.

St. Caud, Fla.

Dear Saints:

I am still watching for Jesus to come and I don't believe it will be very long unto He will make His appearance.

I am going through some trials and persecutions but I am thinking if I overcome, which I expect to do by the grace of God, that the glory will be greater on the other side. Praise the Lord.

I need your prayers so very much as I am having to raise another family since mine have all gone.

I don't get the privilege of attending meetings so I am praying and trusting that God will open a way here for His gospel to be preached. Amen.

A sister in Jesus,
Leacey Padgett.

Departed Ones.

On May 18, 1917, just as the last rays of light were passing out and the shades of night were setting upon the landscape, the great Reaper visited the home of Brother Lee and Sister Mollie Newman and took from them their little two year old son, Abron.

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We loved Barbara so much but Jesus loved her too and wanted her to be with Him. We miss her but we have the sweet consolation that Jesus will soon come and we shall meet our darling again and oh, what a glorious meeting that will be.

P. Q. Davis and wife,
Pine Level, Fla.

Sister Sallie Baughard departed this life May 20, 1917. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and she lived a true Christian life.

She was afflicted two years, some times she was worse than others but she bore it all patiently and shouted the victory up till death.

She asked all her friends to meet her in heaven, and she was anxious to go for she wanted to go and live with Jesus.

She leaves a husband, father, mother, three brothers and four sisters to mourn her departure from this world.

Funeral service was conducted by brother H. L. Trim and her remains were laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery.

We will miss the prayers and praises of Sister Sallie as well as her presence in our midst, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Mrs. Chas. Mourisett.
Jefferson City, Tenn.

Preston, Md.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in the name of the Lord. I want to say that God by His grace keeps me saved every day, and I have victory in my soul, praise the Lord!

The Lord first forgave me of my sins, then He sanctified me by His precious blood and has given me the gift of the Holy Ghost and I do speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I can also say that the dear Lord is my Healer and I am glad I ever learned to trust Him.

The Church of God at this place is prospering. On the evening of May 15, 1917 our overseer, Brother J. W. Pitcher of Baltimore, Md. was with us.

He preached from Psalm 119:59, and he certainly preached the Word of God with power and I am sure it will not return void but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent.

After the preaching the congregation was dismissed and the church was requested to remain for a conference.

A clerk was selected for the church at this place and hands were laid on him, and Brother Pitcher prayed and the Lord placed His approval upon the one selected.

Brother Stirk of Easton, Md. was ordained a minister in the Church of God, also hands were laid on Sister Harrington, and Brother Pitcher offered prayer for her success as an evangelist, to go forth and win many souls for Jesus.

Sister Mullikin was with us, and prayer was offered up for her that God would bless her in caring for the work at Barber, and that she might be the means of winning many precious souls for the Lord.

We also decided to have a camp meeting, will send the dates later.

The meeting, although it was only one evening, was a glorious success. Two members were added to the church.

We solicit the prayers of the saints for the work here. The devil works here, as well as at other places, trying to scatter God's flock but by faith we have the victory, praise the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,
M. A. Cobee.

Ranger, Ga.

Dear Editor and Saints:

Greeting in the name of Jesus. I am rejoicing to-day because I am saved from my sins, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

It is wonderful what God has done for me. He healed me of pneumonia fever when I was almost dead. He will do great things for us if we will only trust Him.

I have a greater determination to go through with my blessed Savior than ever before. The trials are severe sometimes but His grace is sufficient to overcome them all. But the greater the cross here, the brighter the crown will be in heaven and the mansions in glory more fair.

Pray for me that I may stay humble and true till Jesus comes.

Your little sister in Christ,
Lou Harkins.

Lake Park, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to offer a few words of praise to Jesus for His loving kindness to me, and for the love He has placed in my heart for Him and His Word.

For some time I have been going through the "Enchanted Ground" as it were, and indeed I have certainly fought against wicked spirits that have tried to persuade me to ease down and not be so energetic about serving the Lord. However God has been good to me by not allowing me to do this and I have passed safely through the "Enchanted Grounds."

It is indeed wonderful the way the Holy Ghost has been working in my heart during the last three weeks. I am so glad the Lord loves me and I love Him. Bless His name!

As I hear people talking about the terrible war and the awful crisis that we are facing, I take courage to press on and be true to Him by His help. I want to be found obeying this command: "Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man."

—Luke 21:36.

Beloved I don't want to be found careless and slothful when Jesus comes. I believe He is coming soon, and my heart within me cries, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

I do not find in serving the Lord, many things that are easy to the flesh, but they are indeed delightful to the spirit.

The hill though high, I covet to ascend;

The difficulty will not me offend; For I perceive the way of life lies here.

Come pluck up heart, let's not neither faint nor fear;

Better though difficult the right way to go,

Than wrong though easy, where the end is woe.

—Bunyan.

Let us be faithful just a little longer and we will be gathered over on the other shore where trials never come.

Your little brother,

H. W. Kinsey.

Another Call For Help.

I appeal to any of the ministers of the Church of God to come to Hamilton, Ala. and preach the gospel to us and baptize some that desire to follow Jesus. The gospel is needed here as much as anywhere. If it has ever been preached, it was done before I came.

Some of the people have promised to help me meet the expenses of a minister if he does not come from too great a distance. I want to do all God requires of me, and He will take care of results.

I desire the prayers of the readers that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,

W. D. Colvin.

At Rest.

Mrs. A. J. Isham of Sevierville, Tenn., went to live with Jesus May 14, 1917.

Mrs. Isham was converted when

quite young, sanctified in the year 1815, and received the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking with other tongues, during her last illness.

We miss her sadly, for she was a true friend to the children of God.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Mrs. Etta Martin.

Mrs. R. M. Bales.

Ector, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so thankful to the Lord for sending Brother Tom Priest to Texas with the full gospel. I know this is the true way.

There are only three at this place who have received the Holy Ghost, and we seldom get much spiritual food except through the reading of the Church of God Evangel. I would be so glad for some good minister to come here and preach for us.

Your sister in Christ,

Mollie Murley.

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work here. Souls are being saved, sanctified and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. We praise God for our good pastor and wife, brother and sister Pitcher. I praise the Lord for saving me. I find Him the satisfying portion of my soul. I thank the Lord for a home of prayer. My husband has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have three little children that the Lord so wonderfully heals without any drugs. I am so glad we ever learned to trust Jesus. I could not begin to tell all He has done for us. We love to read the Evangel. I like to hear of the wonderful blessings God is bestowing upon His people everywhere.

Your sister looking for the soon appearing of Jesus,

Edna Fletcher.

CAMPMEETING

Will begin at Nassau, N. P. Bahamas, June 14, 1917. Continue TEN DAYS or longer. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Come praying and expecting a feast of good things from the Lord.

Let us make it the best Camp Meeting we have ever held in Nassau.

J. B. Mallory.

Clarendon, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

As I look over the pages of the Evangel and see how God is blessing in so many places, my heart is grieved as I think of my fruitless efforts put forth in trying to lift Jesus up to this unbelieving people. It seems that nothing has been accomplished so far, but I love the people and am still praying that God will show them the error of their way.

There is no Church set in order here, so my wife and I joined the church at Trenton, Ark., where we found some people who are

willing to walk in the light. Bro. Dollahite is the pastor there.

A ten days meeting closed there May 15. Twenty-six received the Holy Ghost, thirty-two were sanctified, twenty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism. At present there are about eighty members of the church.

May the Lord bless the dear ones who devoted their time and means in strengthening the church of God.

Your brother in Jesus,

J. H. Davis.

Ector, Texas.

Dear Editor:

The Evangel is a great blessing to us. We could not do without it. It is food to our souls.

I am glad to say that I am filled with the Holy Ghost. I desire the prayers of God's people that I may live a true Christian life and be a soul winner for Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,

Eliza Miller.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family:

I just want to sound a note of praise to my dear Savior, for He has been very, very good to me.

Recently my little baby became very sick with a scorching fever.

I had two doctors, but they did no good. I then took the case to the Lord and told Him that if He would heal my baby I would tell it far and near. The child was healed at once, but I regret to say that I failed to carry out my promise, and he was taken sick again. I renewed my vows, and told the Lord if He would heal my baby once more I would not fail to keep my promise to Him. Thank God, my child is almost well now. Praise the name of Jesus! I love Him better than ever before.

Do pray for me.

Josie Norris.

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" Cleveland, Tenn. 16 97
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Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I certainly do enjoy reading the Evangel and especially the sermons on the front page, which have been my only help except the Bible. It seems to me that every one should enjoy reading the Bible for the Bible tells us how to prepare for heaven and oh, so many other things as well.

To me, there is no way except the way of holiness. We must live a pure, holy life every day, discard sin in every form and live as God would have us live. We should live right at home and every day, too, and not just on Sunday.

I agree with Brother Tomlinson on every line; and may God pour out His blessings upon him for all the good he is doing.

I am glad to say I am saved and sanctified. I haven't received the Holy Ghost yet but I am anxiously waiting for Him to come in.

It is my greatest pleasure to live for God and do His will. I want to help every one I can to get to God for now is the time for sinners to repent and get forgiveness for after while it will be too late.

May the Lord bless each one

of the Evangel family.

Your sister waiting for the soon coming of Jesus,
Mrs. Laura Comstock, R. 9.

Hayesville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' name. I am one of God's children. I received this wonderful experience about seven years ago. Jesus rolled the burden of sin from my heart and spoke sweet peace to my soul, and a little later He sanctified me, washed me in His precious blood and today His blood is on my soul, praise His name. He then led me on to the upper room and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues and He sweetly abides today. I am still on the King's highway, pressing my way to mansions above and determined to go through with Jesus by His grace.

About seven years ago the Church of God was set in order at Tusquitee with nine members, now we have about seventy members and nearly all have the Holy Ghost.

God is working at this place. Three have been saved and sanctified this last week, and two have been added to the church and followed the Lord in water baptism.

We are building a church house at this place and we are praying for the dear Lord to give us the means that it may be completed by August.

Pray for the work here.

Your sister in Christ,

Lilly Melton.

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